Doordarshan:

(Rupees in thousand)

S.No.	Name of Agency(M/s)	Amount outstanding
1.	Aarambh Advertising	728.86
2.	Channel Eight	155.20
3.	Sweet Sound	94.64
4.	Sweet Melody	85.32
5.	Spellbinder	69.02
6.	Sunrise Media	66.58
7.	Asian Ad Age	31.06
8.	Sarvideo	17.53
9.	A B Visuals	14.17
10.	Translink	11.22

Payment plan for recovery of outstandings

570. SHRI JIBON ROY:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ten topmost private defaulters of advertising agencies from Doordarshan and AIR have agreed to give advance payment and committed to abide by an agreed payment plan;

(b) if so, the details of the agreed plan;

(c) whether the agreed plan would help to recover the outstanding payment; and

(d) the time-frame set for recovery of the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Permission to uplink for 24 hour news channel

571. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application from TV

channels seeking permission to uplink from India for a 24 hour news channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken with regard thereto;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the country's security, cultural heritage and sensitivity in case permission to uplink is granted to foreign channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details of applications received seeking permission to uplink 24 hour news channel and action taken thereon at the Statement (*See* below)

(e) The policy of uplinking of foreign owned news and current affairs TV channels from India is being examined for purposes of providing appropriate safeguards.

Statement

Details of applications seeking permission to uplink 24 hour news channel

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Name of the Channels	Remarks
1.	TV Today Network Ltd.	Aaj Tak India Today English News Channel	Permitted Under Examination
2.	Sun TV Ltd.	Sun News Udaya News Surya News Teja News	Permitted
3.	Jain Studios Ltd.	Jain TV	Permitted
4.	STV Enterprises Ltd.	Punjab Today	Permitted

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Name of the Channels	Remarks
5.	Zee Telefilms Ltd.	Zee News	Permitted
6.	Sahara Sanchar Ltd.	Sahara Samay National & International, Sahara Samay UP Sahara Samay MP Sahara Samay Bihar Sahara Samay Mumbai Sahara Samay Rajasthan Sahara Samay NCR	Permitted
7.	New Delhi Television Ltd.	NDTV	Permitted
8.	NDTV World Ltd.	NDTV World	Under Examination
9.	Independent News Service Pvt. Ltd.	India TV	Under Examination
10.	Star News Broadcasting Ltd.	Star News	Under Examination
11.	BBC	BBC	Under Examination

TV channel for benefit of students

572. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an exclusive television channel for the benefit of students studying engineering and technology courses have been launched on the Republic Day this Year;

(b) if so, the likely duration of the telecast daily on this channel;

(c) whether other courses are also likely to be covered on this channel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that Gyan Darshan III a technical education channel has been launched on 26th January, 2003. This has been done